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### FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY REPORT

Dear Friend:

Throughout the history of our country and our Hawaii, our communities of faith have ministered to the spiritual and social needs of our people. I want first to express my deep mahalo to you and yours for your selfless efforts on behalf of those we both serve.

There are a number of issues ongoing in our federal government of interest to our faith-based community. This is to report to you on some of those efforts, to let you know what my office can do to assist your community, to ask for your guidance on my overall efforts as your Congressman, and to offer to meet with you.

In sum, over the last few years our government has expanded the ability of faith-based organizations to provide federally-funded social services. I offer you information on these initiatives and how your organization might utilize these services at the federal and state level. Most directly, I want you to know of a federal workshop in Honolulu on August 4th and 5th on faith-based organization federal grant opportunities.

In addition, I often receive questions and comments regarding the legal rights and obligations of faith-based organizations and related current federal issues. I am providing a link through my Congressional website to two Congressional Research Service reports on this vital subject.

Also, my congressional staff and I stand ready, willing and able to assist your community in addressing your needs. I have provided information on the resources of my office as well as how you can get in touch and stay in touch with us.

It is vital to my work that I receive constant input on the needs and desires of all the communities I represent. To this end, I have enclosed a survey of your community's needs and request for guidance and would very much appreciate your direction.

Finally, for me nothing replaces personal time spent with my constituents. Should you desire, I would be happy to work toward a meeting with your community where we can "talk story" about anything of interest to you, and I have provided information on how we might arrange that.

It is a great privilege to serve you and yours in our Congress, and I thank you for the opportunity to provide this report. I truly look forward to continuing to work with you to fulfill our mutual commitment to a better Hawaii, country and world.

With deep aloha,

**Ed Case**

ED CASE  
United States Congressman  
Hawaii, Second District

## **A. Government Resources for Faith-Based Organizations**

### *1. Federal Assistance to Faith-Based Service Groups*

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives encourages the outreach activities of faith-based organizations through the identification and elimination of barriers to Federal opportunities for these organizations. This office supports programs for those in need, particularly those that serve at-risk youth, ex-offenders, the homeless and hungry, substance abusers, those with HIV/AIDS, and welfare-to-work families. This list is by no means all-inclusive.

The website for the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives can be found at [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov). Here you can access information about the policy issues affecting faith-based organizations, guidance on legal issues, or materials to help find grant programs available to you, including a catalog which contains a listing of close to 200 federally funded programs.

### *2. Federal Agency Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*

In addition to the White House office, there exist centers within ten federal agencies that deal specifically with faith-based organizations. Each agency receives federal funding, which it then in turn grants to organizations that serve their particular focus community. Information about specific agency center programs can be found at the White House Office website ([www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov)) or directly through the agencies listed below:

Department of Justice  
Patrick Purtill, Director  
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20540  
(202) 514-6702  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbc)

Department of Labor  
Brent Orrell, Director  
200 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20210  
(202) 693-6450  
[www.dol.gov/cfbci](http://www.dol.gov/cfbci)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Bobby Politlo, Director  
200 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20201  
(202) 358-3595  
[www.hhs.gov/fbci](http://www.hhs.gov/fbci)

Department of Education  
John Porter, Director  
555 New Jersey Ave, NW Suite 410  
Washington, DC 20208  
(202) 219-1741  
[www.ed.gov/faithandcommunity](http://www.ed.gov/faithandcommunity)

Department of Commerce  
David Bohigian, Director  
1401 Constitution Ave, NW  
Suite 5517  
Washington, DC 20230  
(202) 482-4355  
[www.commerce.gov/fbci](http://www.commerce.gov/fbci)

Department of Agriculture  
Juliet McCarthy, Director  
14<sup>th</sup> and Independence Ave, SW  
Office of the Secretary, Room 200-A  
Washington, DC 20250  
(202) 720-3631  
[www.usda.gov/fbci](http://www.usda.gov/fbci)

Agency for International Development  
Linda Shovlain, Acting Director  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20523  
(202) 712-4080  
[www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)

Small Business Administration  
Joseph Shattan, Director  
409 3<sup>rd</sup> St, SW  
Washington, DC 20416  
(202) 205-9037  
[www.sba.gov/fbci](http://www.sba.gov/fbci)

Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Ryan Streeter, Director  
451 7<sup>th</sup> St, SW, Room 10184  
Washington, DC 20410  
(202) 708-2404  
[www.hud.gov/offices/fbci](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci)

Department of Veteran Affairs  
Darin Selnick, Director  
810 Vermont Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 273-7499  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### *3. Hawaii Programs*

There are two kinds of federal grants: those directly from the federal government to service providers and recipients; and those from the federal government to state, county and local government from distribution. The latter are generally known as “formula” or “block” grants. On balance there are more resources available through the latter programs, as the federal government awards more money to other governments than to individual grant-seekers.

Many states, in coordination with the White House Office, have set up state offices or liaisons who deal with the concerns of faith-based and community organizations. For Hawaii, the faith-based contact is:

Sam Aiona, Executive Director  
Office of Community Service  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 420  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone: (808) 586-8675  
Email: [sam.aiona@hawaii.gov](mailto:sam.aiona@hawaii.gov)

#### 4. Federal Faith-Based Workshop August 4-5

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), which administers federal housing and community development programs, will be conducting a free federal grant writing training workshop for Faith-Based and Community Groups on August 4-5 at Honolulu Community College, 874, Dillingham Blvd., Bldg. 27, Rooms 116 & 111 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. The deadline for advanced registration, which is required, is July 29th. For further information, please contact HUD at 522-8175 x221 or [kashiko.tomomitsu@hud.gov](mailto:kashiko.tomomitsu@hud.gov). The workshop will include such topics as: how to access government funds, HUD's grant programs, capacity and coalition building, grant proposal writing techniques, grant management, and performance measures. It will be conducted by Donnetta McAdoo from HUD's Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives, Washington, D.C.

#### **B. Congressional Research Service Reports**

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) is a department of the Library of Congress and works exclusively as a nonpartisan analytical, research, and reference arm for the U.S. Congress. CRS has produced two reports for me and my colleagues in Congress on current rights and issues regarding faith-based organizations. I have made these reports available for your review on my congressional website at [www.house.gov/case](http://www.house.gov/case); just go to the on-line version of this “Faith-Based Community Report” in the upper right box and click to the “CRS Reports” section.

#### **C. Your Congressional Office**

##### 1. Office Mission and Resources

My job is to represent the people of my district and our Hawai‘i in our federal government. That means being your voice on the great issues of our day, listening to your concerns, letting you know what your government is doing, and helping you on your individual problems whenever and however I can.

I have a full-service congressional office in Washington, D.C. and throughout my Hawaii district to assist me in performing my duties. More information on my office and activities and opportunities can be found on my website at [www.house.gov/case](http://www.house.gov/case)

##### 2. Contact Information

This is how you can contact me and my office:

Washington Office  
115 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-4906  
Fax: (202) 225-4987

Hawaii Office  
5104 Prince Kuhio Federal Building  
Honolulu, HI 96850  
Phone: (808) 541-1986  
Fax: (808) 538-0233

Neighbor Island Toll Free Numbers  
Hawaii Island: 935-3756

Kauai/Niihau: 245-1951  
Maui: 242-1818  
Lanai: 565-7199  
Molokai: 552-0160

e-mail: [ed.case@mail.house.gov](mailto:ed.case@mail.house.gov)

### 3. Your Issues

I'd very much like you to contact me with any thoughts, questions, comments or concerns facing your organizations. Also, please feel free to contact any of my staff, particularly my legislative assistant for faith-based issues, Jennifer Beppu, at either (202) 225-4906, or by e-mail directly at [jennifer.beppu@mail.house.gov](mailto:jennifer.beppu@mail.house.gov). My staff's contact information and a list of their issue areas can be found at [www.house.gov/case/staff](http://www.house.gov/case/staff).

### 4. Signup for Congressional E-mail Newsletter

I use an e-newsletter to provide frequent updates about what's happening in Washington D.C. as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District and to ask for input. If you haven't signed up and would like to receive these e-mails, please log onto my website at [www.house.gov/case/email\\_list](http://www.house.gov/case/email_list), or you can call or email at the above contacts to be put on our list. I may occasionally ask you to fill out electronic surveys, but I will never release your contact information to anyone else. If you have already signed up, thank you; you do not need to submit your name again.

### 5. Other Federal Grants and Resources

There are many opportunities for federal grants and other assistance which are not directly tailored to faith-based organizations. You can go to my website for information on such grants and resources and other aspects of our federal government. There, for example, you will find contact information for federal offices in Hawaii, resources compiled by the Congressional Resource Center, and a link to the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance ([www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)). This Catalog includes a listing of about 1,500 federal grant and assistance programs and includes a useful search engine.

### 6. Arranging a Meeting or Event

I truly welcome opportunities to meet personally, discuss issues of mutual concern, address groups on issues of our day, or participate in community events. Please contact Roberta Weatherford in my Honolulu office at (808) 541-1986 or by email at [roberta.weatherford@mail.house.gov](mailto:roberta.weatherford@mail.house.gov).

## **D. This Report Online**

For your convenience and use, I have placed a copy of this report online under the newsletter section of my website at [www.house.gov/case/newsletter](http://www.house.gov/case/newsletter).

### **E. Faith-Based Organizations Survey**

In order to better understand and serve your community's needs, I have attached a short survey. I've included my address on the back of this sheet, so when you're finished just fold the survey in half, tape it closed, and stamp and mail. I greatly appreciate your time and input.

**Congressman Ed Case  
Faith-Based Organization Survey**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the main concerns of your community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are the most important and common needs of your members?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are the main challenges facing our Hawaii?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What are your main challenges in serving the needs of your community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What additional information or assistance can my office provide that would assist you in serving your community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Please list any other questions, needs, or concerns.

Mahalo!

**Congressman Ed Case  
5-104 Prince Kuhio Federal Building  
Honolulu, HI 96850**